

Living in a Network Centric World



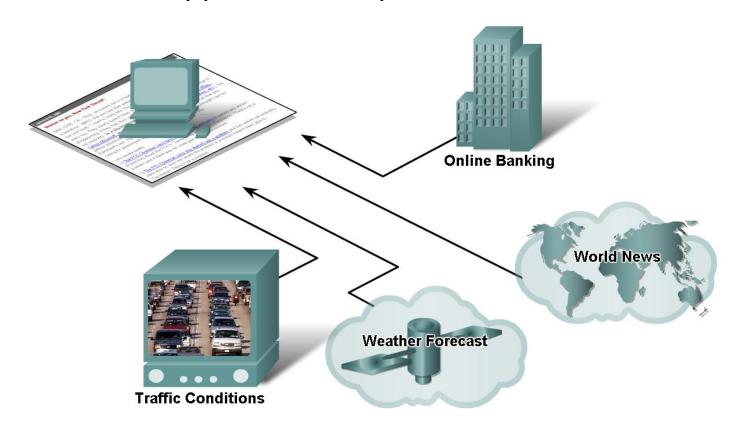
Network Fundamentals – Chapter 1

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Objectives

- Describe how networks impact our daily lives.
- Describe the role of data networking in the human network.
- Identify the key components of any data network.
- Identify the opportunities and challenges posed by converged networks.
- Describe the characteristics of network architectures: fault tolerance, scalability, quality of service and security.
- Install and use IRC clients and a Wiki server.

 Explain the benefits of instantaneous communication and how it supports and improves our lives



- Describe the characteristics and purpose of popular communication media such as, IM, Wikis, Blogs, Podcasting, and Collaboration Tools
 - Instant messaging
 - Real time communication between 2 or more people based on typed text
 - Weblogs (Blogs)
 - Web pages created by an individual
 - Podcasting
 - Website that contains audio files available for downloading

Instant Messaging



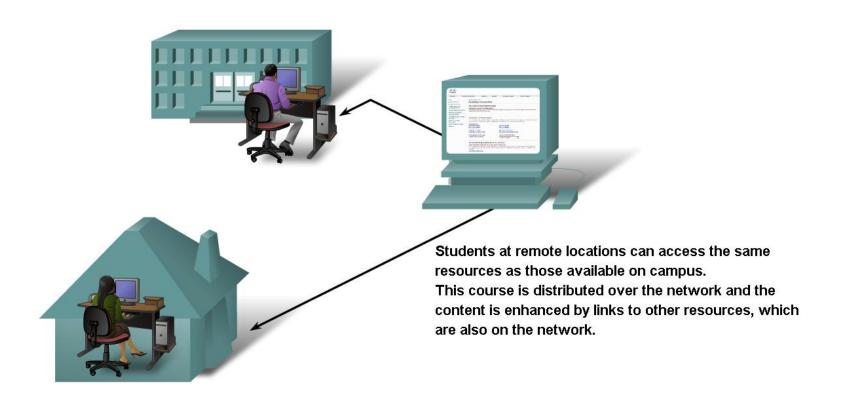
Weblog



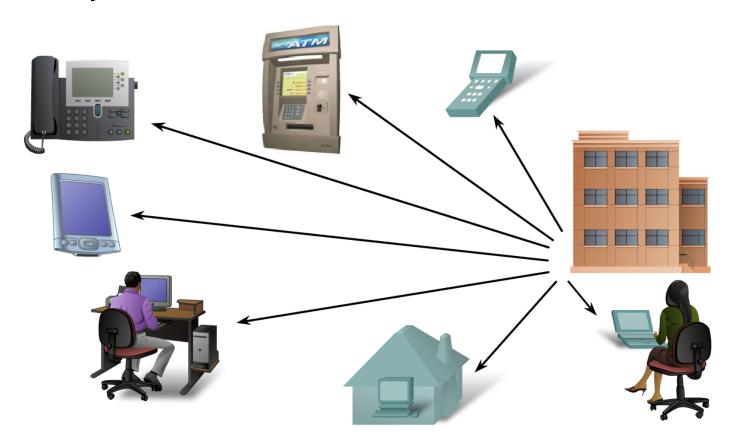
Podcasting



 Explain ways that using information networks to share and collaborate improves teaching and learning



 Describe ways communication over a network changes the way we work



 Describe ways communication over a network supports the way we play













The onboard data network provides a range of services to airline personal seatback video systems.

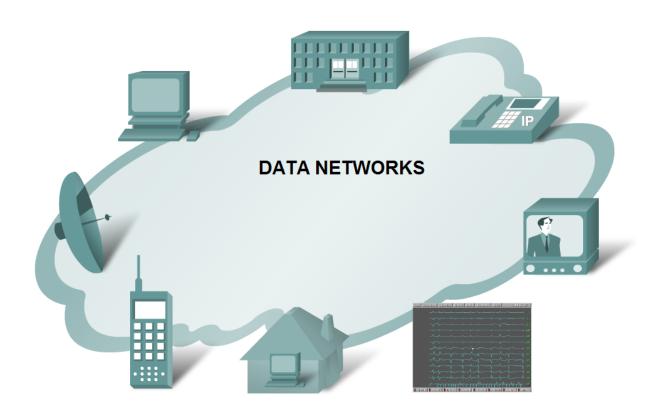


Instant Messaging

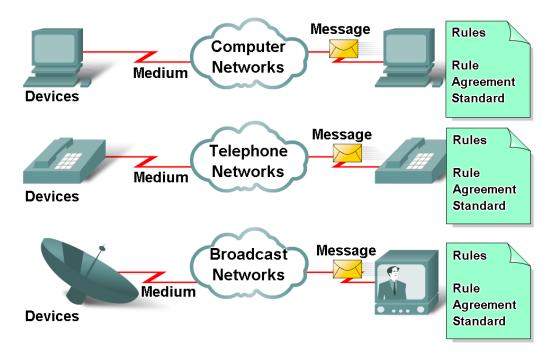
- Basic characteristics of communication
 - Rules or agreements are 1st established
 - Important information may need to be repeated
 - Various modes of communication may impact the effectiveness of getting the message across



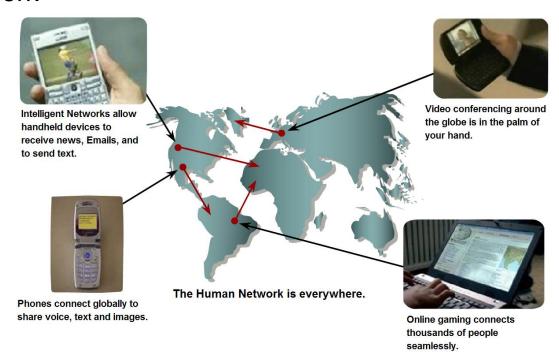
Describe the role of data networking in communications



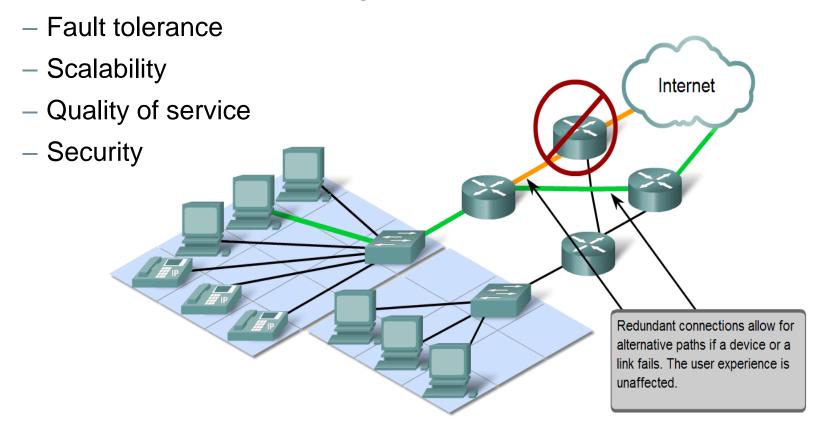
- Describe the various elements that make up a network
 - Devices
 - These are used to communicate with one another
 - Medium
 - This is how the devices are connected together
 - Messages
 - Information that travels over the medium
 - Rules
 - Governs how messages flow across network



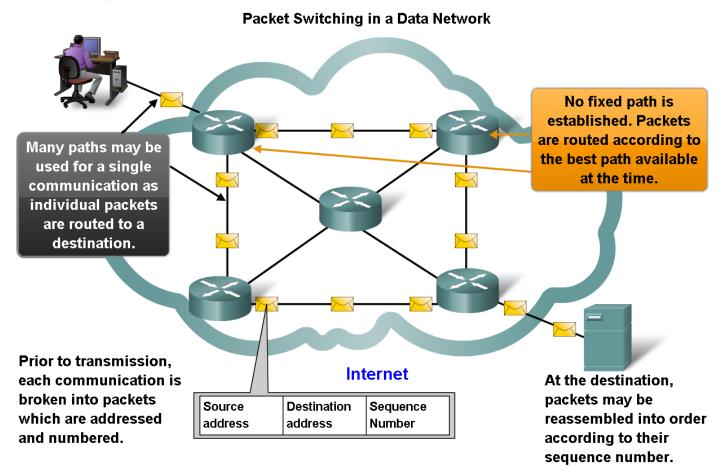
- Describe the role of converged networks in communications
 - Converged network
 - A type of network that can carry voice, video & data over the same network



 Explain four characteristics that are addressed by network architecture design

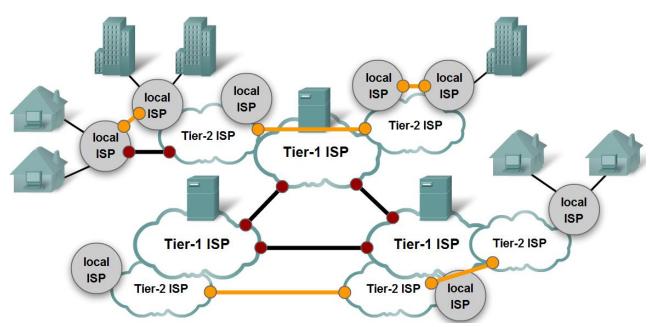


 Describe how packet switching helps improve the resiliency and fault tolerance of the Internet architecture



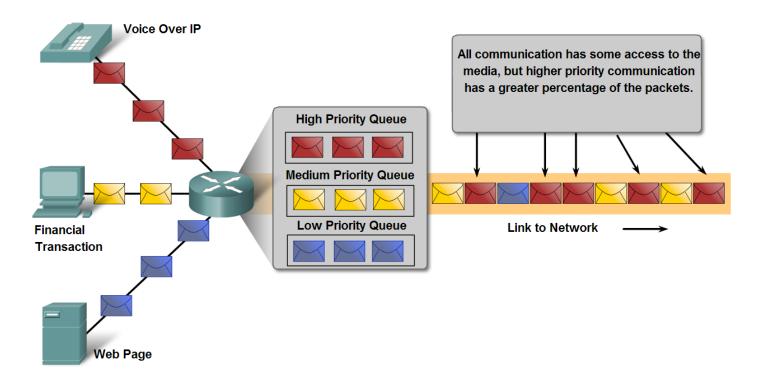
- Describe characteristics of the Internet that help it scale to meet user demand
 - Hierarchical
 - Common standards
 - Common protocols

Internet Structure - A Network of Networks



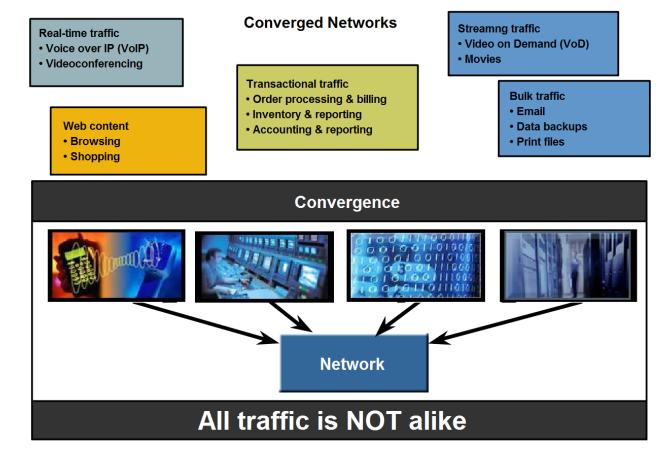
 Explain the factors that necessitate Quality of Service and the mechanisms necessary to ensure it

Using Queues to Prioritize Communication



Queuing according to data type enables voice data to have priority over transaction data, which has priority over web data.

 Describe how QoS mechanisms work to ensure quality of service for applications that require it



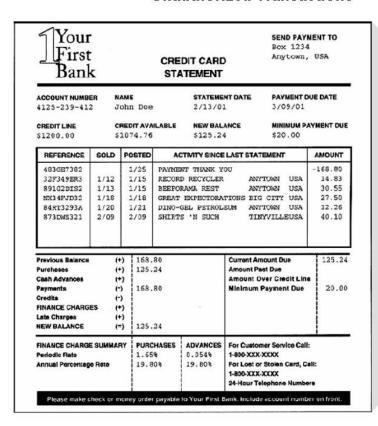
 Describe how to select the appropriate QoS strategy for a given type of traffic

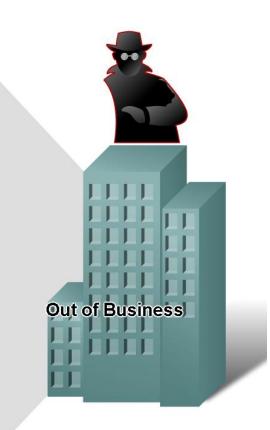
Quality of Service Matters

Communication Type	Without QoS	With QoS
Streaming video or audio	Choppy picture starts and stops.	Clear, continuous service.
Vital Transactions	Time : Price 02:14:05 \$1.54 Just one second earlier	Time : Price 02:14:04 \$1.52 The price may be better.
Downloading web pages (often lower priority)	Web pages arrive a bit later	But the end result is identical.

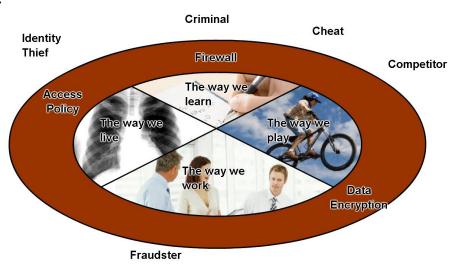
Describe why networks must be secure

Unauthorized Transactions





- Describe basic measures to secure data networks
 - Ensure confidentiality through use of
 - User authentication
 - Data encryption
 - Maintain communication integrity through use of
 - Digital signatures
 - Ensure availability through use of
 - Firewalls
 - Redundant network architecture
 - Hardware without a single point of failure



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Summary

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